

249 BC

Great Wall of China
Emperor Hwang-Ti started the
Great Wall. Built mostly by
convict and peasant labor.

There is a rather persistent rumor
that 400,000 men died in the effort
of building it.

It is actually 2 walls, ea. about
6 ft thick, running parallel to
each other. The space between the

walls was filled with clay and then
surfaced with brick & stone.

The Wall, averaging 25 ft high, runs
for 2,250 miles through deserts and
over mountains. To garrison the
3,000,000 soldiers that defended it,
the Chinese included 40,000 towers spaced
at times, about every 100 yds along its length
and also built 2,000 fortified towns to house
the troops. It made the Han turn to the
west for conquest. It was a useful defense
for 1,500 yrs

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Naval defeat of Romans at Drepanum

Consul Publius Claudius Pulcher
was defeated

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moral defeat of Romans at
Drepanum.

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DREPANUM

During the 1st Punic War, the Carthaginians under ADHERBAL completely defeated the Romans under Claudius, in a naval battle near Drepanum, a seaport town of Sicily.

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China: End of Chou Dynasty.

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Rome

Carthaginians win the sea
fight at Drepanum

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meanwhile the Roman fleet had won another victory, but had suffered a serious defeat at DREPANA. Worn out almost equally, the two nations rested for nine years. But while in those years Carthage did nothing, relying upon the genius of HAMILCAR, a number of Roman citizens voluntarily presented to the state a fleet of 200 men-of-war

carrying 60,000 troops. This new armada,
sailing secretly, caught the Carthaginian
fleet unprepared at the AEGADIAN Isles
off the west coast of Sicily, and so over-
whelmed it that Carthage sued for peace

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PUBLIUS CLAUDIUS PULCHER

While Consul (249 BC), attacked the CARTHAGINIAN fleet at DREPANUM and was defeated. It was believed that he was defeated because he threw the sacred chickens into the sea.